

Dear members of the House Committee,

I respectfully urge you to support this bill for the following reasons:

Oregon does not track children on one or more psychiatric drugs

Per a report from the Office of Inspector General, Oregon has a 19.2 % prescription rate for children in foster care through Medicaid (1 in 5 children) and not sufficient safeguards to ensure proper prescription.

<https://oig.hhs.gov/oei/reports/oei-07-15-00380.pdf>

In States that have put in robust tracking and monitoring, the prescription rates have dropped and proper diagnoses have been sought. It has also caught Drs who over prescribed or incorrectly prescribed.

This legislation could save Oregon millions, ensure proper diagnoses, proper medical monitoring and ensure over prescriptions are caught.

Thank you.

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